



Kars on the Rideau School Council 2015-2016 Annual Report

Kars on the Rideau School Council strives to enhance the life and activities of KOTR students in partnership with school staff. We offer all parents, volunteers, and community members a forum for involvement in the school. We advise the principal on issues related to the running of the school, and assist with fundraising and volunteer activities. In 2015-16 Council met once a month during the school year, on the third Tuesday of every month, in the school library from 7pm to 9pm.

During the 2015-16 school year our Council accomplished the following: (All amounts are approximate. See detailed finance statement at end of report.)

FUNDRAISING

- Raised \$15,700 from the sale of lunch items and milk;
- Raised \$5200 from cake and jar sales events;
- Raised \$4260 from a dance-a-thon;
- Raised \$700 from a cheese sale;
- Raised \$3400 from a holiday gift sale;
- Raised \$1500 from a hot turkey luncheon;
- Raised \$5000 from a used book sale;
- Awarded \$8850 in grants and subsidies (PIC, MASC) including a \$7500 grant from the City of Ottawa to support the new track facility at our school.

FACILITIES ENHANCEMENT

- Invested over \$8300 in technology purchases for the school (tablets, projectors, laptop notebooks);
- Purchased kindergarten classroom resources such as light tables and music program materials;
- Invested in school fundraising infrastructure (i.e. new BBQ to support school fairs, new student meet & greets);
- Invested \$1500 in school yard maintenance and upkeep;
- Invested in Council infrastructure such as a new safe to protect funds;
- Invested \$4250 on classroom consumables for teaching staff.



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CURRICULUM ENHANCEMENT

- Invested \$1470 in dance workshops for all grades;
- Invested \$4600 in science work shops (Scientists in the School and Adventures in Engineering programs);
- Invested \$2300 in math workshops (Matheletes);
- Invested \$3400 in stained-glass art workshops;
- Invested \$1000 on library materials and resources;
- Invested \$3500 on busing for field trips;
- Invested \$400 in reading/literacy tools and subscriptions used for in-class learning.

NUTRITION PROGRAMS

- Operated a weekly alternate lunch program;
- Operated a daily milk program.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY BUILDING

- Elected a full Council for the 2015-2016 school year;
- Continued school council website development to better inform parents of school and Council activities and announce important events. This included the addition of an online index of all resources in the Parent Resource Library;
- Communicated with parents and staff through School Council newsletter highlighting upcoming events and past accomplishments;
- Supported our grade 8 graduation festivities;
- Worked in concert with the school to plan and support the end-of-year School BBQ;
- Planned and hosted a staff appreciation luncheon;
- Supported a Kindergarten Information Evening;
- Invested almost \$300 in Parent Resource Library materials;
- Supported a commemorative display of student and school accomplishments ("Coyote Trail").

2015-16 COUNCIL MEMBERS

Chair	Kim Cable
Vice Chair	Paula Panetta
Treasurer	Robin Churchill
Secretary	Michelle Crogie



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Principal Rick Haggar
Vice Principal Denise St. Jules
Teacher Representative Sonia Williams

Members At Large Diane Dey, Michelle Farncombe, Megan Dodge, Jennifer Mercer, Jennifer Ball, Bonnie Fiarchuk, Leeanne Van der Burgt, Rowena Pearl, Shereene De Rosayro

CHAIR'S MESSAGE

As the Council Chair, I would like to extend a heart-felt thank-you to all volunteers and staff who assisted in Council-led programs and activities for the 2015-2016 school year. Council focused on a couple of main objectives last year. The first was to continue building Council's operational foundations, especially our financial procedures. We invested in a new safe to ensure better control over funds. We also created a number of new procedures related to money handling and spending requests. A new financial report format was created to better communicate our financial progress and to more clearly track our planned vs. actual spending. We also continued to refine and update our bylaws.

Our second objective was to assist the school in upgrading our technology assets. The single largest investment we made this year was towards the purchase of new iPads, projectors and Chrome books. This did not impact our funding of other projects that have come to rely on Council funds as we were able to increase our fundraising capacity this year by almost \$10,000. This is largely due to the success of a new Dance-a-thon fundraiser and increased participation in our existing fundraising events.

It is wonderful to see the effort put forth on a consistent basis by our school community. The parents and staff at KOTR are involved, devoted, caring, and generous. This involvement allows us to continue to offer our students (our children) opportunities and experiences that would not be attainable if not for everyone's hard work and dedication. Some parents are at the school almost every day; many are spending dozens of hours behind the scenes.

I would especially like to take this opportunity to thank our Principal Rick Haggar, Vice Principal Denise St. Jules and all the teachers and staff for their ongoing commitment to making our school a warm, welcoming and vibrant place of learning. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated team that supports all facets of Council. It is a pleasure to work with you all.

Kim Cable
KOTR Council Chair 2015-16



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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL POSITION

KOTR Council

2015-16 School Year

(in Canadian Dollars)

Opening Balance (August 1st)	\$14,064.73
INCOME	
Hot Lunch Program	\$85,991.55
Cake Walk	\$2,611.35
Dance-a-thon	\$5,230.30
Loonie Toonie Sale	\$3,453.55
Cheese Sale	\$690.25
Hot Turkey Luncheon	\$3,106.25
Used Book Sale	\$5,312.15
Jar Walk	\$2,578.56
Grants & Subsidies	
PIC Grant	\$500.00
MASC	\$850.00
City of Ottawa Track	\$7,500.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$117,823.96
EXPENSES	
Fundraising Expenses	
Hot lunch program	\$(70,185.86)
Dance-a-thon	\$(962.06)
Loonie-Toonie	\$(38.91)
Hot turkey luncheon	\$(1,590.84)
Used book sale	\$(261.07)
Standing Motions	
Chair Admin Expenses	\$(96.05)
Teacher Appreciation Luncheon	\$(149.15)
Greening Committee	\$(1,536.42)
Reading & Literacy ¹	\$(4,033.77)
Coyote Trail	\$(400.00)
Teacher Consumables	\$(4,250.00)
School Funding Requests	
Technology ²	\$(8,305.30)
Other Requests	\$(2,537.54)



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Additional Expenses

Library Donation	\$(1,000.00)
Archive Committee	\$(22.58)
Educational Programming ³	\$(12,802.92)
Parent Resource Library	\$(282.71)
Grade 8 Graduation	\$(1,238.67)
School Trips	\$(3,525.00)
Kindergarten Information night	\$(50.00)
Council Operations	\$(368.98)
Monthly Bank Fees (RBC)	\$(52.00)
Outstanding from 2014-15	\$(6,406.29)
Other Requests	\$(131.40)
Track Grant to School	\$(7,500.00)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$(127,727.52)
Variance with bank statement ⁴	\$298.80
Closing Balance	\$4,459.97

RBC Bank Statement as at August 21, 2016:

\$4,459.97

¹ Reading & Literacy: Le Jardin de Vicky; A-Z Reading, RAZ Kids, Silver Birch/Red Maple, Le monde en marche (niveau 1&2)

² Technology: purchase of Chrome books, iPads and projectors

³ Educational Programming: dance workshops, Scientists in the School, Stained Glass, Mathletes

⁴ Variation is due to cash float which was deposited in June but not shown under Income.